

# WATERLINE

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## New GIS Analyst Is From The Netherlands

**Wilma Robertson** started working part-time for IDWR on Jan. 7 as a GIS Analyst in the Geospatial Technology Section. Although she works only part-time, she carries a full load of work and teaches GIS and biology classes part-time at Boise State University.

Wilma brings an interesting background to IDWR. She was born and raised on a farm below sea level in the Netherlands, where she received a Master's Degree in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences from the Agricultural University in Wageningen in March 1993. Through her master's program, Wilma became interested in programming and analyzing computer models that simulate agricultural and ecological systems.

Prior to moving to Boise, Wilma moved to Canada from the Netherlands, where she met and married her husband, Ian Robertson. Ian teaches entomology at BSU, and they have two young sons.

Welcome to IDWR, Wilma.



## Carlsen Elected Watermaster For WD110

Watermasters have been elected for Water Districts 100, 110, 120, 130, and 140, which are all fairly new water districts. Watermasters are elected by the waterusers in their district.

Besides being watermaster for WD100 and 120, **Ernie Carlsen** was elected watermaster to Water Districts 110. Most of the water measurement work for those districts is done by Gene Hansen and Blake Jordan. Wendy Murphy assists those districts with financial record keeping

and Lisa Purvis assists those districts with both financial and clerical records.

**Cindy Yenter** is the watermaster for WD130 and 140. Jana Jones assists with water measurement and reporting, and Carrie Hahn assists with some financial and clerical records for those districts. Michelle Richman also provides some assistance for WDs 130 and 140. Jeff Cooper has provided some help with those districts, also.



# IDWR Employees Invited to Hydrogeology Field Trip

Neal Farmer will give a field trip presentation and learning exercise on March 14 for the Inland Northwest Research Alliance (INRA). The presentation will be given to college students at Ten Springs, which is on the road to the Nature Conservancy Inland directly below Thousand Springs.

Topics will focus on the hydrogeology of the Thousand Springs to Malad Gorge reach areas. Anyone interested in attending the presentation should contact Neal. The time hasn't been decided, but it will probably be around noon.

## Annual Conference to Feature Building Science Expert

One of the world's foremost experts in the field of building science will be the featured speaker during the annual Idaho Building Efficiency Conference March 5-6 in Boise.

John Tooley is known for his visionary ideas, pioneering spirit, and many achievements in building science. Besides being a recipient of the Florida Governor's Energy Award, Tooley has also been honored with the Energy Efficient Building Association's coveted Joule Award for his innovative contributions to the building industry.

Florida Power and Light also recognized Tooley for his valuable contributions to its Duct Leakage Program, which received a National Energy Award. He has also authored and co-authored numerous scientific papers and articles about making heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems more efficient.

The conference will be conducted at the Washington Group International Auditorium, 720

Park Boulevard. Sessions include a technical issues panel, multifamily housing, new technologies, and Energy Star® Northwest. Registration fee of \$85 includes lunch both days and refreshment breaks.

"This conference is for anyone who is interested in building with comfort, health and efficiency," says Ken Eklund, principal energy specialist with the Idaho Office of Energy Resources.

Conference sponsors include the Idaho Office of Energy Resources, Intermountain Gas Company, Idaho Power, Energy Star Northwest, and the Northwest Building Efficiency Center.

If you're interested in attending, call Marla Loftis with the Office of Energy Resources at 208-287-4900.

